



# PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*Portland, Oregon Division  
Vancouver, Washington Division  
Community Based Outpatient Clinics  
Salem, OR Bend, OR  
Longview, WA Camp Rilea (Warrenton, OR)*



## NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. <u>Announcement Number</u>  <b>T38H-06-441-JB</b>	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u>  <b>Pharmacist (Clinical Specialist) GS-660-11/12 \$78,529 to \$92,260 per annum</b>	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u>  <b>Days</b>	4. <u>Duty Station</u>  <b>Pharmacy Service, Portland/Vancouver Division (Depending on Specialty)</b>
5. <u>Type &amp; Number of Vacancies</u>  <b>Permanent 1 Full-time position</b>	6. <u>Contact</u>  <b>Human Resources Assistant 503-220-8262 x 57317</b>	7. <u>Opening Date</u>  <b>7/28/06</b>	8. <u>Closing Date</u>  <b>Until Filled 1<sup>st</sup> consideration date 8/10/06</b>

### WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement. Included are permanent employees of the Willamette National Cemetery, Regional Office, Veterans Outreach Center and Veteran's Canteen.
- Any US Citizen
- **Applicants who applied under announcement T38H-06-194-JB need not reapply as they will be considered under this announcement.**

### MAJOR DUTIES:

Clinical Specialists perform specialized pharmacy services in various specialty units at the Medical Center, including outpatient, and also at the Vancouver facility. They are generally responsible for program development, implementation, monitoring, and reporting within their unit as directed by their supervisor. They provide high quality pharmaceutical care to patients encountered including analysis of medications for potential adverse drug reactions, including investigational drug services if needed. They support institutional efforts to construct and maintain use of the formulary, and coordinate their actions with Pharmacy Service and physician providers. As needed, they work with Pharmacy residents, participate on special committees and work groups, educational activities, and other projects within their specialty area. They perform administrative functions as needed, and maintain ongoing and professional relationships with Medical Center staff. They are viewed as specialists within their clinical programs. As part of the Pharmacy Service team, they coordinate their activities with fellow pharmacists as needed and are expected to develop professionally by conducting in-service training, and other activities as determined by their supervisor. **(See How to Apply for listing of specialties)**

### **THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT**

### QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Department of Veterans Affairs Qualifications Standards apply (VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G15) and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service Office.

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Graduate of a degree program in pharmacy from an approved college or university. The degree program must have been approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE)
- Must be a current licensed pharmacist licensed to practice pharmacy in a State, Territory, Commonwealth of the United States (i.e., Puerto Rico), or the District of Columbia with at least one year of professional experience at the next lower grade or equivalent experience in private sector.
- Applicants must be able to distinguish basic colors.

### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

This is an Excepted Appointment. Excepted service positions have been excepted from the requirements of the competitive service by law, Executive Order, or by OPM regulation (5 USC 2103 and 5 CFR part 213).

Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future

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Eligible employees may be non-competitively reassigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.

Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.

EDRP (Education Dept Reduction Program) may be authorized.

All information submitted to this VA Medical Center is subject to verification by VetPro.

A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.

Recruitment or Relocation Incentive may be available to a high quality candidate.

Retention Allowance may be authorized after the first year of employment or sooner in special circumstances.

This is a developmental position. If selected below the target level, employee may be promoted without further competition upon satisfactory completion of qualification and eligibility requirements.

A drug test may be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.

A pre-employment physical examination will be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.

Applicants appointed to direct patient care positions must be proficient in spoken and written English as required by 38USC 7402(d) and 7407(d).

[VACareers](#) has descriptions of all Title 38 Jobs and their benefits.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

**All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 8/10/06 for first consideration. This position is Open Until Filled.** Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website, [www.va.gov/portland/hr/index.asp](http://www.va.gov/portland/hr/index.asp).

*Applications may be mailed to:*

Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS

**Attn: T38H-06-441-JB**

PO Box 1034

Portland, OR 97207

*Or brought in person to:*

Portland VA Medical Center

3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd

Building 16, Room 300

Portland OR 97239

#### **List of Specialty Areas:**

- Pharmacoeconomics
- Critical Care
- Infectious Diseases
- Mental Health
- Oncology/Hematology
- Anticoagulation
- Long Term care
- Research
- Inpatient
- Outpatients-Ambulatory Care

**All Applicants need to indicate on their application the specialty area that they wish to be considered for.**

**Portland VAMC employees** must submit a

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#) (put specialty interested in remarks block)

**Other VA Employees** must submit

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#) (put specialty interested in Block 3)
2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later). **(REQUIRED)**.
4. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
5. Copies of all current licenses
6. Latest performance appraisal

**Non VA Applicants** must submit:

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#) (put specialty interested in Block 3)
2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later). **(REQUIRED)**.
4. Veterans Preference:
  - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (member copy #4 for July 1979 or later editions) (FOR 5 POINT Veteran's Preference).
  - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later)
  - c. VA letter of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
5. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
6. Copies of all current licenses.
7. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).

**APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:**

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**